(b) whether Government would consider conducting vigilance enquiry for not lifting samples of milk from trucks during the year 1988; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) The information furnished by Delhi Administration is as under:—

No sample of milk was taken from trucks during the year 1988 as there was no complaint received by the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration to the effect that trucks were carrying adulterated milk.

Further inadequate number of Food Inspectors and Local (Health Authorities) is also a contributory factor for not lifting samples of milk from trucks. This staff had to be deployed for their optimum utilisation based on various other priorities. However, the Department had lifted 77 samples of milk during the year 1988 from various persons engaged in sale of milk.

There is no vigilance angle involved in not lifting the samples from trucks, and, as such, there is no question of conducting any vigilance enquiry.

Assam Gas Cracker

2112. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam Gas Cracker has been established as a techno-economically viable proposition;

(b) how does it compare with other cracker based complexes under consideration in terms of techno-economic merits; and

(c) what is the pay back period, internal rate of return and breakeven point of the following cracker-based complexes under consideration or implementation as per the records of the concerned Department—

(i) Maharashtra Gas Cracker
(ii) Auriya Gas Cracker
(iii) Haldia Petrochemical Complex (Naphtha based)
(iv) Hazira Gas Cracker
(v) Gandhar Gas Cracker
(vi) Assam Gas Cracker
(vii) Vizag Petrochemical Complex (Naphtha based)
(viii) NOCIL's (Naphtha based expansion)?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Feasibility reports received from different parties for the proposed gas cracker complex in Assam are based on various assumptions.

(c) For such mega projects, the pay back period would be in the range of 4 to 6 years, IRR in the range of 15 to 18% breakeven point in the range of 60 to 70% depending on the feedstock pricing, product mix, location etc.

Transfer of BICP Officers

2113. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of officers together with their designation; who were transferred from Cost Study, BICP, to the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals during the last six months and the jobs assigned to them;

(b) what are the considerations which necessitated their transfers;

(c) out of these the names and details of the transfers which were effected on the orders of the Ministers of Industry Petroleum and Chemicals;

(d) whether it is a fact that these transfers are effected to serve the vested interests of some companies to the detriment of others;

(e) whether it is a fact that these officers are also empowered to draft orders on behalf of the Ministers;

(f) whether any departmental vigilance/CBI inquiry is pending against any of these persons;

(g) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(h) if not, whether Government propose to institute an inquiry regarding their links with companies?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) Shri K.C. Kohli of the Indian Cost Accounts Service has been posted to this Department as Deputy Director (Cost) with effect from 19.3.90 vice Shri C.H. Pothiraj, under the orders of the Ministry of Finance.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) to (h) This Department has no Departmental, vigilance or CBI enquiry pending or contemplated against Shri Kohli.

Use of 'hybrid' brand names

2114. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 65 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th April, 1990 and state whether the use of such hybrid brand names would not circumvent or violate the objective of the condition that no foreign brand names will be allowed for domestic sales?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): The use of foreign owned trade mark in conjunction with an Indian trade mark does not contravene either the Trade and Merchandise Marks Act, 1958, or the foreign collaboration approval given by Government in such cases.

Assessment of amounts against M/s. Merind and M/s. Glaxo

2115. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 830 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the amounts assessed against M/s. Merind by the Special Team and what was the quantity of bulk drug and formulation and the difference taken into consideration;

(b) what are the amounts assessed against M/s. Glaxo and on what basis and for what period;

(c) what was the difference in the price of bulk drug and formulations which was used to assess this amount; and

(d) when was the process of scrutiny started and by when it would be completed against these two companies?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) A Special Team constituted to determine the recoverable amounts from all the companies (including M/s. Merind) involved in the Supreme Court case, determined some amounts recoverable from M/s. Merind also. A number of representations were received against the findings of the Special Team in all the cases. After taking into consideration these representations, it has been decided to have a fresh look into the findings of the Special Team and the developments thereafter.

(b) and (c) A sum of Rs. 37 crores was tentatively worked out as recoverable from M/s. Glaxo and communicated to the company on 22.9.89. The calculations were based on the available data for the period 12.5.81 to 26.8.87, subject to finalisation on receipt of some more data from the Company.

(d) The process of scrutiny with a view to determine the final amounts due against both the companies is already in progress and the amounts are expected to be finalised soon.

Filling up of vacancies in BWECL, Patna

2116. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware